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FOR AMBASSADOR TODMAN FROM GEORGE BROWN

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OCON, BR

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEWS BY MIAMI TV STATIONS

1. ON YOUR RETURN TWO TV STATIONS IN MIAMI WOULD LIKE
FILMED INTERVIEWS WITH YOU IN YOUR OFFICE, FIFTEEN MINUTES
IN ONE CASE AND THIRTY IN THE OTHER. THE TWO STATIONS ARE
WCIX (AN INDEPENDENT WITH A LARGE AUDIENCE), AND THE NBC
AFFILIATE, CHANNEL 7 (WCKT). MIAMI IS, OF COURSE, THE AREA
MOST INTERESTED IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. BUT, BY AND LARGE,
THE AUDIENCE THERE IS ALREADY FIRMLY SET IN ITS VIEWS
OPPOSING OUR POSITIONS ON PANAMA AND CUBA. SO WHILE AT-
TENTIVE, THE LIKELIHOOD OF CHANGING VIEWS IN THIS AUDIENCE
IS NOT GREAT. IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT TO ADDRESS THEM WILL
ONLY STIR UP A HOSTILE GROUP. ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH
STATIONS WILL BE IN TOWN TALKING TO THEIR CONGRESSMEN AND
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OTHERS ABOUT THESE ISSUES SO WE SHOULD BE HEARD AS WELL.
CONSIDERING YOUR LIMITED TIME AND CROWDED SCHEDULE, IT IS A
CLOSE CALL. STILL, I WOULD RECOMMEND YOU DO IT.

2. THE STATIONS NEED TO KNOW IN ADVANCE TO MAKE THEIR
ARRANGEMENTS. IF YOU APPROVE, I WILL ARRANGE MOST CONVEN-
IENT TIME.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE TV INTERVIEWS THOMAS REGALADO, NEWS

DIRECTOR OF WRHC RADIO IN MIAMI, WILL BE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR ON LATIN AMERICAN POLICY IN THE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD LIKE A FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVIEW. HIS REQUEST WAS PASSED TO US BY THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE WHICH HAS NO STRONG INTEREST IN HIS REQUEST. I WOULD INCLUDE HIM, TOO, IF YOU APPROVE THE TV INTERVIEWS. IN CONSIDERING ALL THIS REMEMBER YOU HAVE A COMMITMENT TO JACKIE TRESCOTT FOR THE STYLE INTERVIEW IN THE POST FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DO I SAY YES OR NO AND TO WHOM? CHRISTOPHER

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